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SUBJECT: SIAD MEETS WITH PODGORNYY

1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA ANNOUNCES THAT SIAD MET WITH PODGORNYY,
BUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS IS NOT REVEALED. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA MARCH 12 FRONT-PAGES AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SOMALIA
PRESIDENT SIAD MET MARCH 11 WITH PDOGORNYY. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT,
THE TWO SIDES "EXCHANGED VIEWS ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL
PROBLEMS, ON THE SITUATION IN AFRICA, ON NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS ,AND ON QUESTIONS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS." THE
REPORT ADDS THAT THE SIDES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 1974
TREATY OF FRIEDNSHIP, AND HAILED ITS POTENTIAL "FOR THE FURTHER
ALL-ROUND AND LONG-LASTING COOPERATION IN THE INTERESTS OF THE
PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES." SAID AND PODGORNYY EXPRESSED THEIR

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SUPPORT FOR INCREASED "RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION," FOR

THE "ACTIVIZATION OF THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, AND FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS." THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING", AND IN A "CORDIAL AND COMRADELY ENVIRONMENT", PRAVDA CONCLUDES.

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THE PRAVDA REPORT IS VERY THIN ON SUBSTANCE, THE ATMOSPHERICS REFLECT MOSCOW'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO SOMALIA IN HORN POLITICS. THE ABSENCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO THE FTAI DISPUTE, HOWEVER, COULD LIKEWISE REFLECT MOSCOW'S RELUCTANCE TO GO TOO FAR TOO FAST IN DEMONSTRATING ITS SUPPORT FOR SIAD. SIAD'S PRESENCE IN MOSCOW ALMOST A FULL WEEK AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PARTY CONGRESS COULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT MORE THAN ONE MEETING WITH THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP TOOK PLACE (AND WAS THEREFORE REQUIRED).
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